

Appl. No. 10/625,382

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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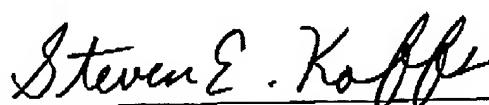
On page 3, the Examiner states, "However, Backus and Fakhouri, taken alone or in combination thereof, fails to teach or fairly suggest ... enabling a user of the computer to query the data in the table based on at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria; and forecasting sales of a new lottery game based on results of the query as set forth in the instant claim(s)." However, claims 11-21, 30-36, 38, and 39 do not include the features of, "forecasting sales of a new lottery game based on results of the query," and are not limited by those features. Further, claims 33-36 and 39 do not include the features of "enabling a user of the computer to query the data in the table based on at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria," and are not limited thereby.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for issue. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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